

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Friday, May 30, 2008
Time	8:30am – 10:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol, East Bldg., Seagull Room
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Adam Cohen, Maxwell Jackson, Holly Martak, Carol Page, Natalie Thornley, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Gary Anderson, Judge Leslie Brown, Mike Di Reda, Brittany Enniss, Maria Garciaz, Gini Highfield, Huy Nguyen, Fred Peake, Lonnie Thomas
Members Absent	Jessica Hernandez, Tonia Hashimoto
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen, Gary Ricks, Doreen Weyland & visitor, Donovan Bergstrom
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. A quorum was not reached, so the February, March and May 2 minutes were not approved. The executive committee met this morning to discuss board vacancies. Judge James R. Michie Jr., from third district juvenile court will replace Judge Brown. Spencer Larson's name was submitted by Adam Cohen to be a youth member. Troy Rawlings of Davis County Attorney Office will fill the prosecutor spot. Reg is going to ask Pam Vickery to fill our vacancy as defense attorney. Quannah Powakie was mentioned as someone who might be able to fill the tribal vacancy. We still need a local elected official. Linda Christensen of Tooele County was mentioned, as well as Jan Zogmeister of Weber County. Reg will follow up with DCFS to possibly enlist Sherri Brumer. Karen Crompton has agreed to fill our parent role.
Agenda Item	Gang Mini-Grants 2008
Notes	<p>Carol Page made the motion to approve the Gang Mini-Grant subcommittee's recommendation to fund the following three mini-grants for the coming year: Big Brother's Big Sisters Rural Mentoring \$20,000, Boys and Girls Clubs of Weber/Davis Teens Mentoring Youth \$20,000, Colors of Success, Girls With a Voice II \$20,000, and NeighborWorks Salt Lake Camp Anytown \$20,000. Pat Berkman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous except that a quorum was not present so Reg sent an email after the meeting to the members not in attendance today to get their vote. The motion passed unanimously with Maria Garciaz abstaining.</p> <p>Reg will review and possibly make changes to the UBJJ board bylaws in regard to the quorum requirement.</p>
Agenda Item	Education First Gang Mini-Grant Report
Notes	Donovan Bergstrom gave a presentation to the board on the Education First program. Donovan is the assistant program director for Juvenile Justice Services. The Education First program originally looked at the Taylorsville/Kearns area because of the high percentage of Hispanic youth in the Juvenile Justice system. About forty percent of the program's population is Hispanic. The goals are to decrease the amount of these youth entering into JJS custody, decrease youth in gang activity and encourage parents to be more involved with their children's education and to prevent high drop-out rates from school. They target kids coming through diversion programs and home detention and have a good completion rate. The program really took off in February and to date has had 47 youth participate, and 22 parents. One of the parents attended a parent/teacher conference for the first time. Almost all the parents have attended those conferences. The parents are learning to shut off the TV and help the kids with homework. Donovan hopes to expand the program in June to the Glendale area and recruit additional volunteers. The program is run in English and Spanish sessions.

Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>Gang Subcommittee - There will be some changes in the structure of CCJJ. USAAV (Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Council) is relinquishing the violence aspect of the group's work to eliminate duplication between USAAV and the Child and Family Cabinet Council (CFCC). Another change would be regarding the gang violence portion, which UBJJ would take over in the juvenile arena. A new subcommittee would need to be created and hold meetings every other month. Reg mentioned that our state needs a statewide repository for gang data. BCI did it years ago, but does not anymore.</p> <p>Financial Update – We are down to our current two year's worth of grant funding. Our 2006 Title II has \$8,143 remaining. Our 2007 Title II has \$116,432 remaining. OJJDP sent in a change request for Title V grant money to be cut from \$57,000 to about \$47,000.</p> <p>Treva Bell requested an additional \$4,000 for the Compliance Monitoring Grant to cover additional personnel expenses related to expanded compliance monitoring requirements by OJJDP. This should not be an ongoing additional expense. Max Jackson made the motion to approve the grant change request as stated. Adam Cohen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous except that a quorum was not present, so Reg sent an email after the meeting to the members not in attendance today to get their vote. The motion passed unanimously with Gabby Anderson abstaining.</p> <p>Conference Attendance – OJJDP is having their annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee in August 17-20. Matt Davis and Mike Tanana and Reg Garff and Maria Garciaz will attend.</p> <p>Our site visit scheduled for the second week of June with Elizabeth has been canceled for the time being. Pat Berckman thanked the board for their support of the Troubled Youth Conference, which was a great success.</p>
Agenda Item	Committee and Other Reports
Notes	<p>CJJ Plank Review – Holly Martak Holly briefly discussed the proposed CJJ DMC Plank, which took CJJ four to five hours of discussion to agree upon. The most important portion of it is lines 39 through 47, which refer to “creating systems to collect and analyze local data (disaggregated by descriptors such as race, ethnicity and offense) to identify where disparities exist...” Holly has until noon on Tuesday to vote on it. The UBJJ consensus is to accept the plank.</p> <p>UBJJ Membership – Holly Martak Holly's goal is to have the new members on board by August. Tonia Hashimoto has given her resignation but will continue to serve until she is replaced.</p> <p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – The DTWT winners could not attend the Troubled Youth Conference this year, but were honored for their essays. The winners will fly to Washington D.C. for July 19 – 24. Pat Berckman remarked what a wonderful job Holly did at the DTWT Luncheon. The event went smoothly and was very well received.</p> <p>Program Site Visits – Please do your site visits between June and July. The executive committee will have a lunch meeting in July to discuss the bylaws. The date for the meeting will be emailed. There have been no site visits since the last meeting. Matt and Reg will meet and revise the monitoring form by the end of June.</p> <p>DMC - Today Susan Burke, Chris Mitchell and Audrey Hickert will present DMC data at the DMC meeting.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2008, Utah State Capitol Complex, Olmstead Room

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